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SUBJECT: C-130 SALE TO SUDAN

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1. WASHINGTON POST SATURDAY, APRIL 30 CARRIES STORY
HEADLINED QUOTE: SUDAN, ETHIOPIA NEIGHBOR, BUYING
PENTAGON PLANES UNQUOTE. TEXT IN PARA TWO.

2. BEGIN TEXT: THE PENTAGON SAID YESTERDAY IT WILL SELL
SUDAN SIX C-130 TRANSPORT PLANES.

SUDAN IS FEUDING WITH NEIGHBORING ETHIOPIA, WHICH
OUSTED U.S. OFFICIALS AND INSTALLATIONS WITHIN THE LAST
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WEEK.

OFFICIALS DENIED THAT THE PROPOSED \$74.4 MILLION DEAL
WITH THE SUDANESE IS IN RETALIATION FOR THE ANTI-AMERICAN
ACTIONS OF ETHIOPIA'S MARXIST LEADERS.

THE SALE, IN THE MILL FOR SOME TIME, WAS APPROVED BY

PRESIDENT CARTER APRIL 7, WELL BEFORE THE UNITED STATES WAS TOLD TO TAKE ITS PEOPLE OUT OF ETHIOPIA, OFFICIALS SAID.

PENTAGON AUTHORITIES DISCLAIMED ANY INTENTION TO TAKE SIDES IN THE QUARREL BETWEEN SUDAN AND ETHIOPIA. THAT QUARREL CENTERS ON SUDAN'S GROWING SUPPORT FOR THE ERITREAN REBELS WHO HAVE BEEN FIGHTING FOR INDEPENDENCE FROM ETHIOPIA.

THE MULTI-ENGINED C-130 TRANSPORTS ARE NEEDED BY THE SUDANESE FOR PEACE-TIME OPERATIONS ACROSS THE BIGGEST COUNTRY IN AFRICA, PENTAGON OFFICIALS SAID.

THE PENTAGON SAID IT IS NOT CONSIDERING SELLING ANY OTHER ITEMS OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT TO SUDAN.

THE FORMAL NOTIFICATION OF THE SALE TO CONGRESS SAID IT INCLUDES SIX SPARE ENGINES, GROUND EQUIPMENT, TECHNICAL TRAINING AND TWO YEARS WORTH OF OTHER SPARE PARTS.

PENTAGON RECORDS SHOW THE ONLY PREVIOUS MILITARY EQUIPMENT SALES TO SUDAN, WHICH WENT THROUGH COMMERCIAL CHANNELS, TOTALED \$117,000 SEVEN YEARS AGO. THE UNITED STATES FURNISHED ABOUT \$25,000 WORTH OF MILITARY TRAINING TO THE SUDANESE IN 1973 AND 1974, THE ONLY SUCH HELP GIVEN IN THE LAST DECADE. END TEXT.

3. THE STORY IS ACCURATE, NOTIFICATION OF \$74.4 MILLION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PROPOSED SALE SENT TO CONGRESS APRIL 29. CONGRESS HAS 30 DAYS TO TURN DOWN SALE. PRESIDENT CARTER APPROVED THE SALE APRIL 7 AND NO OTHER MAJOR ITEMS ARE CURRENTLY BEING CONSIDERED FOR SALE. TENTATIVE COST FIGURE INCLUDES SIX C-130'S, GROUND EQUIPMENT, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, AND FOLLOW ON SPARES. FOLLOWING JUNE 1976 VISIT OF PRESIDENT NIMEIRI TO WASHINGTON, SUDAN WAS MADE ELIGIBLE FOR FMS IN NOVEMBER AND SUDANESE GOVERNMENT SUBSEQUENTLY FORMALIZED C-130 REQUEST.

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